

Program Contacts

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The commonwealth of Virginia and major stakeholders in Hampton Roads have created a regional public-private coalition, The Resilience Partnership (RP), whose purpose is to re-invent the region around a shared understanding of how to live with water, in response to on-going environmental changes. The coalition will surface, test and refine the best strategies for building water resilient communities across a range of environments by developing a model seaport region that derives its economic vitality from the water. To support this effort, Virginia is currently applying for assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the National Disaster Resiliency Competition to support innovative resilience projects at the local level. The competition will also support communities in efforts to adopt policy changes and activities that plan for the impacts of extreme weather and climate change.

Participation in the effort is broad based, bringing together multiple state and federal agencies, local governments, institutions of higher education, community groups and private sector partners. The state held a public input session on the draft proposal on March 10, 2015. Comments were received through March 17, 2015.

Resources

- [Virginia Disaster Resiliency Plan \(DRAFT\)](#)
- [Governor McAuliffe announces development of Resiliency Plan for Coastal Communities \(Press Release\)](#)
- [HUD Livability Principles](#)
- [National Disaster Resilience Competition](#)
- [National Disaster Resilience Competition Fact Sheet](#)
- [Rockefeller Foundation](#)
- [Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities](#)

About the Competition

The National Disaster Resilience Competition is a year-long competition structured in two phases: the framing phase and the implementation phase.

- All public input must be received by March 17, 2015.
- Phase 1 applications are due to HUD by March 27, 2015.
- HUD anticipates notifying applicants if they have been accepted in June 2015.
- If invited by HUD to participate in phase two, DEP will have 120 days after the date of an invitation letter to design and develop project(s).
 - HUD anticipates taking up to 60 days after the phase two submissions before announcing awards.
 - HUD must obligate the funds (sign a grant agreement) by Sept. 30, 2017.
 - Grantees will have 24 months to expend the funds after obligation.

The commonwealth anticipates that the pilot project(s) will meet at least one of the three national objectives required of HUD CDBG funding: elimination of slum and blight, benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons and/or urgent need. The state will prioritize activities that benefit the LMI population. Low- and moderate-income is up to 80 percent of the area median income by family size.

The following modifications constitute a substantial amendment requiring HUD approval: any change to the phase one or phase two application that would result in a change of more than five points in the score for capacity or soundness of approach factors, any change to the most impacted and distressed target area(s), any change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria, the allocation or re-allocation of more than \$1 million, or the addition or deletion of an eligible activity.